

December 2

TODAY'S BIBLE STUDY & MEDITATION

KEY IDEAS: What can I point out as evidence that God desires to bless men? Do I see myself as God sees me as one that is a part of God's plan to bless all the people of the earth? Are there things in my life that could bring shame upon the Lord or my testimony as a believer?

1 **God has planned to show His grace to all the nations** — *Genesis 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

What did God promise to do through Abraham's seed?

In what ways has God blessed me that I can praise Him for?

2 **I am Christ's dwelling in the midst of those who do not understand the truth of God's grace** — *Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what [is] the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory....*

In time how has my understanding changed regarding who Christ is?

Why does the devil want me to live without understanding or hope?

3 **I am to behave in a gracious manner so that even those who bring false accusation will be put to shame** — *1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. (Compare: 1 Peter 2:12.)*

In what ways does my life honor the Lord?

In what ways could my life cause others to speak negatively about the Lord?

Spirit of Truth, how do you want to apply these verses in my life today?

OPTIONAL BIBLE READINGS

Morning: 1 John 1

Evening: Ezekiel 42, 43, 44